IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, including withdrawn claims, is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 8, AMEND claims 1-7 and 9-12 and ADD new claim 20 in accordance with the following:

- (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method comprising:
 a solicitation-judging step for monitoring cross-checking electronic information distributed within a computer network with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to thereby judge whether or not a the solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is included in said-the electronic information; and a distributing step for distributing solicitation-to-insurance information to at least one of involved parties having exchanged the electronic information with each other, when it is judged that the said-solicitation-related keyword is judged to be-included in the electronic information.
- (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method of claim 1, wherein said distributing step-distributes the solicitation-to-insurance information to the involved party when the involved party has not yet subscribed to insurance.
- 3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method of claim 2, wherein said distributing step-distributes the solicitation-to-insurance information to the involved party even when the involved party has already subscribed to insurance, if the insurance is invalid, or if the involved party has experienced an encounter with an accident related to the electronic commerce in the past.
- 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method of claim 1, wherein said distributing step-distributes the solicitation-to-insurance information from an insurer selected corresponding to the contents of the electronic information.
 - 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method of claim 1,

further comprising:

an insurance premium information receiving step for receiving insurance premium information which has been calculated corresponding to the <u>a</u>trading price included in the electronic information, based on a discount insurance premium rate as reduced from a normal insurance premium rate;

a sum calculating step for calculating the <u>a</u> sum of the insurance premium indicated by the received insurance premium information and the trading price; and

a presenting step for presenting the calculated insurance premium and the calculated sum to both of the involved parties.

 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method, comprising: an input step for inputting transactional information in a transaction related to the electronic commerce;

a transmitting step for transmitting the input transactional information;

cross-checking the transmitted transactional information with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to judge whether or not the solicitation-related keyword is included in the transmitted transactional information; and

a receiving step for receiving solicitation-to-insurance information transmitted from a server of an insurer, when it is judged that athe solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is included in said transmitted transactional information.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method of claim 6, further comprising:

a transaction judging step for judging whether or not a transactional keyword has been included in said input transactional information; and

a risk notifying step for notifying a risk related to the electronic commerce, when said transactional keyword is judged to be included in the transactional information.

- 8. (CANCELLED)
- 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) <u>A computer-readable recording medium storing a program that executes on a computer Anan</u> insurance task <u>process processing program for rendering a computer to realize</u>comprising:

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an input function for inputting transactional information in a transaction related to the electronic commerce;

a transmitting function for transmitting said input transactional information;

cross-checking the transmitted transactional information with a word table in which a
solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to judge whether
or not the solicitation-related keyword is included in the transmitted transactional information;
and

a receiving function for receiving solicitation-to-insurance information transmitted from a server of an insurer, when it is judged that a the solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is included in said transmitted transactional information.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with an insurance task processing program for rendering a computer to realize:

a solicitation-judging function for monitoring cross-checking electronic information distributed within a computer network with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to thereby judge whether or not a the solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is included in said the electronic information; and

a distributing function for distributing solicitation-to-insurance information to at least one of involved parties having exchanged the electronic information with each other, when it is judged that the said-solicitation-related keyword is judged to be included in the electronic information.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing system comprising: solicitation-judging means for monitoring-cross-checking electronic information distributed within a computer network with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to thereby judge whether or not athe solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is included in said-the electronic information; and

distributing means for distributing solicitation-to-insurance information to at least one of involved parties having exchanged the electronic information with each other, when <u>it is judged</u> that the said solicitation-related keyword is judged to be included in the electronic information.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing system comprising:

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input means for inputting transactional information in a transaction related to the electronic commerce;

transmitting means for transmitting said input transactional information;

cross-checking the transmitted transactional information with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to judge whether or not the solicitation-related keyword is included in the transmitted transactional information; and

receiving means for receiving solicitation-to-insurance information transmitted from a server of an insurer, when it is judged that a-the solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is included in said transmitted transactional information.

13. (WITHDRAWN) An insurance task processing method comprising:

a completion-judging step for monitoring electronic information distributed within a computer network to judge whether or not a completion keyword indicative of the completion of a transactional negotiation in the electronic commerce is included in said electronic information;

an encrypting step for encrypting the transactional information related to the electronic commerce making use of a secret key, when said completion keyword is judged to be included in the electronic information; and

a preserving step for preserving the encrypted electronic information.

- 14. (WITHDRAWN) An insurance task processing method of claim 13, wherein said secret key is generated based on the date and the time at the moment when the completion keyword is judged to be included in the transactional information.
- 15. (WITHDRAWN) An insurance task processing method of claim 13, wherein said secret key is generated by an insurer of an insurance, to which an involved party having exchanged the electronic information has subscribed.
 - 16. (WITHDRAWN) An insurance task processing method of claim 15, wherein said secret key is distributed from the insurer in an encrypted state.
- 17. (WITHDRAWN) An insurance task processing program for rendering a computer to realize:

a completion-judging function for monitoring electronic information distributed within a

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computer network to judge whether or not a completion keyword indicative of the completion of a transactional negotiation in the electronic commerce is included in said electronic information;

an encrypting function for encrypting the transactional information related to the electronic commerce making use of a secret key, when said completion keyword is judged to be included in the electronic information; and

a preserving function for preserving the encrypted electronic information.

18. (WITHDRAWN) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with an insurance task processing program for rendering a computer to realize:

a completion-judging function for monitoring electronic information distributed within a computer network to judge whether or not a completion keyword indicative of the completion of a transactional negotiation in the electronic commerce is included in said electronic information;

an encrypting function for encrypting the transactional information related to the electronic commerce making use of a secret key, when said completion keyword is judged to be included in the electronic information; and

a preserving function for preserving the encrypted electronic information.

19. (WITHDRAWN) An insurance task processing system comprising:

completion-judging means for monitoring electronic information distributed within a computer network to judge whether or not a completion keyword indicative of the completion of a transactional negotiation in the electronic commerce is included in said electronic information;

encrypting means for encrypting the transactional information related to the electronic commerce making use of a secret key, when said completion keyword is judged to be included in the electronic information; and

preserving means for preserving the encrypted electronic information.

20. (NEW) An insurance task processing method comprising:

transmitting transactional information in a transaction related to electronic commerce; judging whether or not a solicitation-related keyword is included in the transmitted transactional information; and

receiving solicitation-to-insurance information transmitted from a server of an insurer, when said judging determines that the solicitation-related keyword is included in said transmitted transactional information.